



WHAT IF SERIES - 4

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Have we lost the plot one may ask? What if the Liberals won the election in July and no efforts were made to reconcile the differences between the many personal geopolitical fiefdoms that have sprung up throughout this nation.

Will this mean the demise of the two party preferred system, replaced by a triumvirate similar to that of ancient Rome? A city that once ruled three quarters of the known world until it too succumbed to greed avarice, corruption and decay from within. Australia needs to be united not only in time of war but in times of relative peace even though our young and men and women are still serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our political system based on the Westminster model of democracy may not be perfect but it has up till suited well our purposes and as such any changes to the sharing of power must be in the interests of the people, for the people and not against the people's interest. After all it is the duty and responsibility of every Australian government to ensure the security, economic competitiveness and longevity of its people.

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the lack of understanding and comprehension of the law makers and/or political representatives that we elect. We elect them in the hope of making life a level playing field and giving us, the people the means and/or tools upon which we can feed, clothe and maintain our families. I wonder how many of our political representatives can truthfully put their hand upon their heart and say that they regularly walk amongst the people and listening to what the man and woman has to say.

Very few would as many would rely on their staff and supporters to feed them the information and/or be driven by the polls. If a member of parliaments fails to keep their finger on the pulse of the electorate, expect to go the way of the former member for Indi, Sophie Mirabella who has now realised the importance of the common touch. True to form Sophie is back on the campaign trail in her attempt to return to Canberra.

This election is becoming a farce already with pork barrelling promises that cannot and will not be met by any major political party. As such it is conceivable that the Australian people will return a Turnbull Government with a hostile Senate to ensure a proper check and balance is in place to cater for the interests of all Australians. Foreign investment is becoming a major concern without the assets being made public "because it's not in the national interest". Then we have negative gearing becoming a long term problem, Education, Veterans and their family's needs not being met, Health and superannuation cuts, unemployment growing in the regional cities, Bank scandals, poor consumer confidence, and low Reserve Bank interests rate all point to an ailing economy.

I hate to say this as a Liberal, but not one of the major political parties has come out in public and stated that this is the platform that they will stand on. The battles lines have been drawn and yet the only shots being fired are what one could call warning shots to let the other sides know that the phony election campaign has begun. When will the real policies be shown?

Will a Robert Menzies arise out of the ashes or a John Curtin to lead the way? Who knows is anyone's guess and the baggage that is currently being carried by the leader's beggar's belief and we are expected to believe in them. I can say that at least under a Tony Abbott government you knew where you stood. Mind you I am not for caning Malcolm Turnbull who was like a breath of fresh when "He came in like Flynn" giving every one room to breathe and sit back and consider the possibilities of a bright future.

The grassroots knew that it was all driven by the media who waited hand and foot to listen to the honeyed words that dripped from Malcolm Turnbull's mouth. After a unsettling period of the Kevin Rudd/Julia Gillard circus, the public got the respite they needed and yet the media became part of the problem in embedding themselves with the "leakers" and political wannabees who were going nowhere at the time to bring about the downfall of an elected Prime Minister.

But on reflection, you have to admit that although Malcolm Turnbull's coup was not entirely unexpected he did perform well in the initial stages, welcomed by the many and disliked by the few. He has gathered about him an aspiring young and energetic team of Ministers who manage to keep the momentum going and ensuring that good governance is maintained at the highest possible level. However despite his initial successful wooing of the public, nothing new has ever been produced that the public could point to and say that this was Malcolm Turnbull's policy.

I am not in a position to advise or influence the Prime Minister but had I the opportunity I would advise him to reconcile with his predecessor or at least demonstrate his good will by sending an emissary with an olive branch. It is in Malcolm Turnbull's and party faithful interest, that these two influential men bury the hatchet in order to win the next election comfortably and thus draw upon the vast resources of material, financial and manpower assets that is currently locked up. This reconciliation will go a long way to uniting the Party at the grassroots level which will then strengthen the threads that bind them.

It is going to be a long campaign, where precious resources are expected to be spent and those responsible with the purse strings will be targeting the seats that are most likely to win. Gone will be the dark days of the Damien Mantach/Tony Snell administration headed by the ideological support of David Kemp and his reforms. This election will either accelerate the new breed of young men and women within the Liberal Party ranks or lay the foundations for the demise of the conservatives and progressives alike which may spawn a new and savage political breed that have less scruples than their predecessors. The writing is on the wall.

As always, my apologies for the poor grammar, punctuation and savagery of the English language. All that I can say is that it is great to be alive.



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